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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT OF US SPOKESMEN ON WORK OF ITU-CCIR

STUDY GROUPS 4, 9, 10, 11 AND CMTT

FROM POTTS, WEPPLER, WALKER/MOORE, ROBERTS AND GOLDING, US

SPOKESMEN, CCIR SG'S 4, 9, 10, 11 AND CMTT

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FOLLOWING ARE REPORTS OF US SPOKESMEN POTTS, WEPPLER, WALKER/MORE, ROBERTS AND GOLDING ON WORK OF ITU-CCIR STUDY GROUPS 4, 9, 10, 11 AND CMTT RESPECTIVELY FOR WEEK FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 1, 1974.

STUDY GROUP 4: QUOTE IN FIRST FOUR DAYS OF MEETINGS, WORK WAS ORGANIZED DOWN TO LOWEST DRAFTING PARTY AND FOR MOST PART AT LEAST ONE MEETING OF EACH SUCH DRAFTING PARTY HELD. COMPLETE DETAILS OF ORGANIZATION WILL BE PRESENTED LATER, HOWEVER, U.S. HAS PROVIDED ONE SUB-GROUP CHAIRMAN (4D/9F), THREE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN, ABOUT SIX DRAFTING PARTY MEMBERS AS WELL AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEMBER OF EDITORIAL COMMITTEES.

THERE ARE ABOUT 120 INPUT DOCUMENTS AND SOME ARE ALREADY DISPOSED OF. TWO NEW TEXTS SUBMITTED BY US HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE IN WHAT MUST BE RECORD TIME.

SG 4 HAS ALSO ALREADY TAKEN SOME ACTION ON EXISTING TEXTS.

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IN SUMMARY SG HAS GOTTEN OFF TO FAST START, BUT NONETHELESS

WORK LOAD WILL STILL BE HEAVY NEXT WEEK. J.B. POTTS END QUOTE.

STUDY GROU 9 (RADIO RELAY SYSTEMS): QUOTE WORK OF STUDY GROUP 9 IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. US CONTRIBUTIONS ARE IN GOOD SHPAE AND US DELEGATION IS MOST ACTIVE IN COMMITTEE WORK.

JOINT WORK WITH STUDY GROUP 4 IS BEING EXPEDITED TO COMPLETE BEFORE SG 9 ADJOURNS. THIS IS GOING MUCH MORE SMOOTHLY THAN IN 1972 AND NO PROBLEMS ARE SEEN FOR US.

A LARGE PORTION OF WORK IS BEING DEVOTED TO DIGITAL RADIO RELAY SYSTEMS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT AN I.W.P. WILL BE FORMED ON PERFORMANCE OF DIGITAL SYSTEMS, DESPITE US OPPOSITION.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON 4 MARCH AND VOTED AT FINAL MEETING ON 6 MARCH. WILLENBERG OF FRG AND VERREE OF FRANCE ARE ONLY KNOWN CANDIDATES AT THIS TIME FOR POSTS OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY. KELVINGTON OF UK WILL NOT RPT NOT NOW RUN FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN SINCE ANOTHER QUALIFIED CANDIDATE (VERREE) APPEARS TO BE AVAILABLE. H.E. KEPPLER END QUOTE.

STUDY 10: QUOTE ACTIVITIES OF SG 10-B CULMINATED IN FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE ACCEPTED AT PLENARY OF STUDY GROUP 10 ON MARCH 1:

10/305 WHICH MAINTAINS STUDY PROGRAMME 16/A/10 AS IS.

10/309 (MODIFIED TO S.P.) WHICH INITIATES A NEW S.P. FOR

STEREO BROADCASTING IN BAND 9 (UHF) FOR AUSTRALIA.

10/319 WHICH MODIFIES REPORT 463-72.

10/343 WHICH MODIFIES REPORT 463-72 IN ANOTHER PART.

10/322 WHICH MODIFIES RECOMMENDATION 412-72.

10/337 WHICH MODIFIES REPORT 464-72.

10/338 WHICH DELETES REPORT 462 BECAUSE NOW IN 10/322.

10/339 WHICH MODIFIES STUDY PROGRAMME/18-1B/10-72.

10/340 WHICH MODIFIES QUESTION 18-1/10.

10/341 WHICH MODIFIES QUESTION 26/10.

10/342 WHICH MODIFIES QUESTION 17-1-72.

REMAINING DOCUMENTS FROM SG-10B WHICH WERE APPROVED BY 10-B BUT NOT READY FOR SG 10 PLENARY INCLUDE:

(1) A DOCUMENT WHICH MODIFIES REPORT 293-2-72.

(2) A DOCUMENT WHICH MODIFIES REPORT 403.

(3) A DOCUMENT WHICH MAKES A NEW REPORT ON TV SUBTITLES.

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IN ALL OF THESE CASES, US POSITION WAS PROTECTED AND NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE BY US DELS FOR ANY SYSTEM RELATING TO TWO SOUND CHANNELS IN TELEVISION.

ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY JAPAN TO OBTAIN A RECOMMENDATION ON TWO SOUND CHANNELS IN TV FOR SYSGEMS B AND G- PAL ONLY BUT ATTEMPT WAS DEFEATED BY ITALY, UK, AND FINLAND. US DEL TOOK NO POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

PLENARY OF SG 10 ON MARCH 1, 1974 ALSO APPROVED 10A DOCUMENTS

10/295, 10/311, 10/315, 10/317, 10/320, 10/335, 10/1002, AND
10/1003. US POSITION WAS PROTECTED ON THESE DOCUMENTS BY SPOKES-
MAN L.D. WETZEL.

AFTER STUDY GROUP 10 CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED SINGLE NOMINEE OF
DR. TERZANI OF ITALY, US VOICED ITS PLEASURE AT HAVING SUCH A
TALENTED NOMINEE AS A POTENTIAL REPLACEMENT FOR FILLING
LARGE SHOES WORN BY CHAIRMAN WALKER. DELEGATES UNANIMOUSLY
AGREED WITH THIS POSITON. H. MOORE FOR P. WALKER END QUOTE.

STUDY GROUP 11: QUOTE MR. ERIC M. LEYTON, US DELEGATE
REPRESENTING RCA, DIED SUDDENLY ON EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26, 1974
WHILE DINING WITH US DELEGATE HARWOOD B. MOORE. MR. MOORE
IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED MR. PROHME, TELECOMMUNICATIONS ATTACHE,
WHO SET IN MOTION OFFICIAL PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION OF NEXT
OF KIN AND FOR DISPOSITION OF BODY, AS WELL AS FOR RETURN OF
MR. LEYTON'S EFFECTS TO USA. MR. ROBERTS, WHO KNOWS MRS. LEYTON
PERSONALLY, TELEPHONED HER AT PRINCETON, N. J. ON FEBRUARY 26.
NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS LATER EXPRESSED TO VARIOUS
US DELEGATES THEIR REGRETS WHEN THEY LEARNED OF MR. LEYTON'S
DEATH. LETTERS OF REGRET WERE ALSO RECEIVED BY HEAD OF THE
US DELEGATION FROM THE UK, GERMAN, AND CANADIAN DELEGATIONS.

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ALTHOUGH SHAKEN BY TRAGIC EVENT, STUDY GROUP 11 CONTINUED
ALONG ITS TIGHT SCHEDULE. INPUT DOCUMENTS FROM US HAVE NOW ALL
BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND THEIR EFFECTS APPEAR IN MANY

PENDING OUTPUT DOCUMENTS. SOME STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED BY MR. TERZANI (ITALY) AND MR. BORODITCH (USSR) OVER CONCEPTS OF US DOCUMENT PROPOSING DEFINITIONS FOR INTERFERENCE (11/352). HOWEVER, IT NOW APPEARS THAT STUDY GROUP 11 WILL APPROVE AN OUTPUT DOCUMENT CONTAINING MOST OF LANGUAGE OF US DOCUMENT.

US PROPOSAL TO EXTEND INTERIM WORKING PARTY IWP-11/2 WAS WELL RECEIVED. ALTHOUGH US DELEGATES HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS AS TO EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS CHAIRMAN, MR. BAHIANA OF BRAZIL, NO SUITABLY DIPLOMATIC WAY WAS FOUND TO REPLACE HIM. (NO ONE FROM BRAZIL IS PARTICIPATING IN STUDY GROUP 11.) HOWEVER, AFTER FULL PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH CCIR DIRECTOR HERBSTREIT AND STUDY GROUP 11 CHAIRMAN KRIVOSHEEV, US DEL NOW CONSIDERS THAT IWP CAN FUNCTION TO USEFUL DEGREE, EVEN IF CHAIRMAN REMAINS INACTIVE, IF US DELEGATE AND OTHERS ON IWP PROCEED MULTILATERALLY TO WORK BY CORRESPONDENCE.

A SATURDAY, MARCH 2, MEETING OF 10/11-B (SATELLITE BROADCASTING) WAS CALLED BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF DOCUMENTATION. THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFICULTY CLEARING ALL DOCUMENTS THROUGH FINAL JOINT PLENARY MEETING OF STUDY GROUPS 10 AND 11 ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5 BECAUSE OF THIS SATURDAY MEETING AND A PILE-UP IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ITU'S DOCUMENTATION SECTION.

NO OTHER DIFFICULTIES ARE NOW ANTICIPATED. WILLMAR K. ROBERTS
END QUOTE.

CMTT STUDY GROUP: QUOTE AT ITS FIRST PLENARY MEETING ON
FEBRUARY 25 SG ELECTED FOLLOWING CHAIRMEN OF ITS SUB-GROUPS:

CMTT A - MR. GOODDY (CANADA)

CMTT B - MR. LARI (ITALY)

CMTT D-1 - MR. ZEDLER (FRG)

CMTT D-11 - MR. COMBER (UK)

CMTT/E AND IWP/CMTT/1 - MR. SIMPSON (UK)

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CMTT-D (SOUND PROGRAM TRANSMISSION) WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS AT SUGGESTION OF CANADIAN DELEGATION BECAUSE OF LARGE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS CMTT/D MUST CONSIDER.

US DEL HAD THREE WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS IN CMTT/A AND ONE CONTRIBUTION IN CMTT/B.

REVIEW OF WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO US IS REPORT 486, WHICH IS LIKELY TO BECOME AN APPROVED REPORT AND POSSIBLY A RECOMMENDATION AT THIS MEETING. THIS REPORT WILL SET TELEVISION STANDARDS AND TEST PROCEDURES FOR 525 LINE CIRCUITS AND MULTISTANDARD INTERNATIONAL CIRCUITS. IT IS LIKELY TO REPLACE RECOMMENDATIONS 421-2 AND 451-1, WHICH COVER THESE STANDARDS PRESENTLY. THIS REPORT HAS 5 PARTS AND IS RESPONSIBILITY OF CMTT-A. WORKING BREAKDOWN OF CMTT-A IS AS FOLLOWS:

CMTT-A-1 (MR. MCDIAMARD - UK - CHAIRMAN) PARTS 2, 3 AND 4 OF REPORT 486.

CMTT-A-2 (MR. OPPAT - FRG - CHAIRMAN) PARTS 1 AND 5 OF REPORT
486.

A WORKING GROUP OF CMTT-A-1 HAS BEEN ORGANIZED ON STRAIGHTENING
OUT TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS IN PARTS 2 AND 3. J. CAVANAUGH
REPRESENTS US IN THIS WORKING GROUP. KEY AREAS ARE DEFINITION OF
DEFFERENTIAL PHASE AND GAIN AND TEST WAVEFORM FOR THESE MEASURE-
MENTS. DIFFICULT AREAS TO RESOLVE IN PARTS 2, 3 AND 4 WILL BE
RESOLVED AT MEETINGS OF CMTT-A-1.

CMTT-A-3 IS TRYING TO DETERMINE A SINGLE WEIGHTING CURVE AND
SPECIFICATION FOR SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO. SMALL WORKING GROUP
MEETINGS SHOULD HELP RESOLVE DIFFERENCES ON THESE SUBJECTS.
US POSITION IS STRONG HERE AND WE EXPECT TO DO ALL RIGHT IN THIS
AREA.

IN CMTT-B WE HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH JAPANESE AND HAVE AGREED
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UPON A VITS SIGNAL FOR 525 LINE TV, WHICH WILL BE USED BY US,
CANADA AND JAPAN. THIS WILL APPEAR AS MODIFICATION OF REPORT 473.
REC. 420-2 FOR MONOCHROME WILL BE COMBINED INTO SINGLE RECOMMENDA-
TION 473 FOR MONOCHROME AND COLOR TV.

IN CMTT/D-1 AND CMTT/D-11 MODIFICATIONS ON 15 KHZ CIRCUIT
DESCRIPTIONS AND MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED
INVOLVING REVISIONS OF REPORT 496, AND REC. AJ/11, AS WELL AS
QUESTION 11/CMTT. THESE REVISIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE OF
CONCERN TO US.

IN CMTT/E, A LARGE NUMBER OF INFORMATION DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN
SUBMITTED ON DIGITAL CODING OF TV AND SOUND PROGRAM SIGNALS.
REPORTS SUMMARIZING THESE DOCUMENTS ARE IN PREPARATION, BUT NO
CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED OR ARE LIKELY TO BE REACHED AS IT
IS FELT THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO DO THIS. FROM MARCH 4-6,
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